

Helfenstein, Samuel B. [subject]

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[Thomas B. Evans, his manager,  
writer]

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[Helfenstein bought some books of the Chapmans while "deranged," and will not recover mentally. His wife would like to return the books under some arrangement, as he was not in his right mind when he bought them, and their purchase was unnecessary.]



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✧ S. B. Helffenstein, Editor and Proprietor. ✧

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Messrs S. H. & R. Chapman

Dear Sirs:

On the Second of this month, two gentlemen were at your place; one of them walked with a crutch, and the other a sandy whiskered man and wore glasses. The lame man was Mr. S. B. Helffenstein, the editor and proprietor of the "National Defender," and the other man was Mr. Amos S. Blake, Deputy Sheriff of this County. You will remember Mr. Helffenstein was very enthusiastic over his collection of coins, and purchased two coin catalogues for \$8.00; the next day it was necessary to place Mr. H. under treatment, as no doubt you noticed that he was deranged. Am sorry to say that the doctors say his recovery mentally

is hopeless. That day Mr. Blake had to humor him in order to keep with him, so as he would not meet with any misfortune; but he could not prevent him from making unnecessary purchases—which he did.

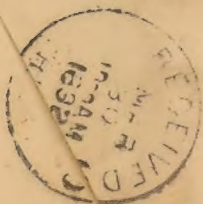
Would have written sooner to you, but Mrs. Helffenstein only found the receipt for the Catalogues to-day, <sup>and we did not have your address</sup>. The books are here unpacked. Mrs. Helffenstein desires to know if some arrangement cannot be made, so you will take the books back, as they are no benefit here, and perhaps you might be able to make use of them. Awaiting an early reply, I am

Yours truly

Thos. B. Evans  
Manager for S. B. Helffenstein

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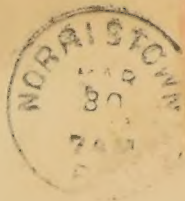
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